

Remarks

With respect to the species election requirement in the Office Action, Applicant elects Species 4 (The species to which claims 72-75 are drawn) with traverse. Claims 72-75 read on the elected species.

The reason for the traverse is that the Examiner has merely taken each set of claims (i.e., each independent claim and its' dependent claims) and deemed it a separate species. However, in the context of the Examiner's analysis, Species 1, 2 and 4 are the same species.

In this regard, independent claims 55 and 61 recite essentially the same steps, except that independent claim 61 recites that the film comprises "a plurality of bumps", rather than a single "bump" as in independent claim 55. However, dependent claim 56 recites a plurality of bumps, such that Species 1 (Claims 55-60) overlaps Species 2 (Claims 61-66).

Independent claim 72 also includes essentially the same steps as independent claim 55, but recites a "compressible member" for biasing the film against the die. However, dependent claim 57 also recites a compressible member for performing the same function. Species 1 (Claims 55-60) thus overlap with Species 4 (Claims 72-75).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant admits on the record that Species 1, 2 and 4 are not patentably distinct. In addition, independent claim 55 has been amended to correct an informality. Independent claims 67 and 72 have also been amended to provide antecedent basis for the term "the burn-in oven" in the last line.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 55-75 is respectfully requested. Should any issues arise that

will advance this case to allowance, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted:



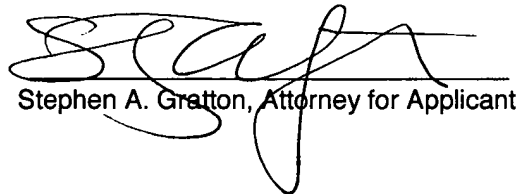
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